The next subject of representation was that the road from Edapalli to Muvattupuzha might be made cartable, and that, as a preliminary step, an investigation might be ordered in the matter.

The Member further prayed that the Pappara *thodu* might be widened and deepened so that it might be used for traffic throughout the year. He said that the people had cut a road nearly two miles long from the Puthencruz-Kazhukkampalam road to that *thodu* which would be of great service when the Cochin Harbour came to be opened

Another need of the taluk was an experimental agricultural farm which should be opened to demonstrate the usefulness of scientific cultivation, as the Alwaye agricultural farm would be under water during the rainy season and would be useless.

Lastly, the Member urged that the police charging station, removed from Mamalai, might be re-established there.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the agricultural station, you have already one attached to the Alwaye Agricultural School.

Member.—It is always under water.

Dewan.—No, not always; only during some parts of the year. Evidently, you want another agricultural station. The matter will have to be examined.

Member.—That will be useful for the people of Perumpavur also.

Dewan.—As regards roads, there is some justification for your complaint. When we prepare the next budget, we shall try to secure and bring about a fair distribution of funds among the various taluks. Incomplete works must be attended to first. The Chief Engineer has made a note of your suggestions and he says that, when the budget time comes, he will be ready with his proposals.

138. Grant of certain concessions to the real Malayala Brahmin Jenmies of Travancore.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru (Member, Jenmi, Trivandrum Division) spoke about the want of State encouragement to the Malayala Brahmins of the State and their consequent unsatisfactory progress. While they formed the majority of the rich land-owning classes, they were poorly represented both in the Legislative Council and in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly. The Member stated that it was difficult under present conditions to secure representation for the members of his community on either of those bodies through the open door of election, and requested that the Government might do their best to see that they were nominated in sufficient numbers. Their position was in no way better as regards the other popular institutions, *e. g.*, the Municipalities and Village Panchayat courts, and he could only attribute it to the paucity of Jenmies in the higher ranks of the public service. Certain difficulties experienced by the members of his community in matters municipal were also pointed out such as the widening of certain lanes within municipal limits which belonged to them, without their knowledge and consent. The Member said that such unauthorised acts on the part of local authorities affected the income from their lands to a great extent. To avoid such hardships, the Member prayed for a fair representation of his community in all public institutions.

Mr. Parameswaran Narayanan Bhattathiri (Member, Jenmi, Quilon Division) made the following suggestions for the uplift of the Malayala Brahmin community.

(1) There were numerous endowments for the teaching of the Vedas to the boys of the community and Government had set apart certain funds under State Charities for the same purpose. Those funds might with advantage be utilised for giving them English education in conformity with present-day needs and ideals.

(2) The courses of studies in special schools for Malayala Brahmins should be revised in consultation with the leaders of the community.

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(3) A committee might be associated with the management of the Kulakkada special school, as in the case of the Kumaranallur special school, and that committee might be empowered to frame the necessary syllabus of studies.

(4) Malayala Brahmins might be nominated as bench magistrates and judges of Village Panchayat courts in places where they formed an appreciable section of the population in the same manner as they were being now appointed to Municipal Councils.

(5) Compulsory education might be introduced at least among the Malayala Brahmins in view of their culture in the past and their present apathy towards education, both religious and secular.

(6) The instructors in the Veda section of the Sanskrit College, particularly the teachers of the Rik, Yajus, and Sama Vedas, should be Malayala Brahmins. The revised courses of study were open to several objections and required revision by a committee of learned Vaidiks who should also be authorised to conduct the annual examinations. *Asaucha Dipika* should be substituted for *Asaucha Satakam*.

(7) The number of Jenmi members for the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly might be retained at 4 under the revised rules also, and not at 3 as now proposed therein, and as all Malayala Brahmins were not Jenmies, one member might be nominated to represent Malayala Brahmin interests as such.

(8) *Karamozhivu* lands should be exempted from payment of income-tax.

(9) Tanks, etc., attached to temples, and all Brahmaswom lands should be excluded from the category of *porambokes*.

(10) A Regulation should be passed regulating the family law of Nambuthiries on the lines of the Mitakshara law and on the lines of the resolutions passed at the Yogakshema Sabha, if the proposed Nair Regulation was intended to affect non-Nairs as well.

Mr. Nilakantan Nilakantan Nambudiri (Member, Jenmi, Kottayam Division) said that he fully agreed with what the two Jenmi members who had spoken before him had said on the subject and that he had nothing to add.

Dewan's reply.—All the three members have spoken about the same subject, *viz.*, that you should be given communal representation in public institutions. The policy of communal representation is one that cannot always be followed. It is neither practicable nor desirable to do so. Wherever there is a large population of Malayala Brahmins who are wealthy and influential, they are represented on the public bodies there. As one of you has admitted, they are already represented on some Municipal Councils.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru.—They are not pure Malayala Brahmins.

Dewan.—How can Government distinguish between Swadesi Malayala Brahmins and Mangalore Brahmins? Both call themselves Potties or Nambuthiries. Government have no power to restrict a man, a foreigner or a Swadesi, from calling himself by a certain name. In one or two instances when Swadesi Nambuthiri Brahmins were appointed, they either refused to serve or resigned and went away. For instance, Vayakkara Mussatu at Kottayam, who had been appointed as a member of the local municipality, absented himself for 3 or 4 meetings and then resigned his membership.

Mr. Narayanaru Krishnaru.—There is no use in nominating, as members of the Assembly, persons who have not even heard the word "Assembly".

Dewan.—You may give a list. There is Mr. Marasseri Potti of the Legislative Council. He may give me a list of the deserving members of your community. Government will consider such lists. As for a larger number of seats on the Popular Assembly, there is a committee now considering the revision of the Assembly Rules and I would suggest your placing your views before that committee.

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You want a committee for the Kulakkada special school. The of the Sa... committee for the Kumaranallur school; but there is no committee for ...00 for each well. school. I have inspected both the schools. The Kulakkada school thing. but the Kumaranallur school is not quite satisfactory. The efficie school does not depend upon its having a committee.

You want a new curriculum of studies. If you have a spec member of the Legis- studies, how would it fit into the English School course? The st cial members that are under the special curriculum may not later on be in a position t nt Bill. for admission to the Intermediate or the B. A. class.

As for compulsory education, I do not think that it is quite necessar lasses. Literacy is quite widespread in your community. You may not be well up in English, but almost cent per cent are well up in the vernacular.

As for a different curriculum for the Veda section in the Sanskrit College, it is a matter of detail. If you will put down in writing what changes you want, they will be considered.

In regard to the exemption of the income from *Karamozhivu* properties from income-tax, I have already given the reply that such exemption cannot be granted.

In regard to tanks which were private at the time of the *ayacut*, but have since been treated as *poramboke*, I have already said that such tanks may, on proof that they are private, be registered.

139. Obstacles to the uplift of Pulayas and other depressed Hindu communities.

Mr. Karumban Daivathan (Member, Nominated) said that the Pulaya, Paraya, Kurava and other depressed classes were the descendants of the original inhabitants of Travancore and that they worked day and night for the material welfare of the country. They deserved to be regarded as very valuable assets to the country. They were deplorably backward in point of education, and the remission of fees allowed to their children for purposes of education would not very much improve their condition unless they were given free meal also. The Member requested that they might be given such help as was granted to the depressed classes in Mysore, and that schools and hostels might be established in places thickly inhabited by the depressed communities.

The Member then requested that the scholarship given to a Pulaya boy by name Parameswaran attending the Ayurvedic College in Trivandrum might be raised substantially and that scholarships be continued to the pupils belonging to the depressed classes even in the event of their failure in a class for a year or so. He then suggested that some Pulaya girls might be taught midwifery at Government cost.

The Member next prayed that steps might be taken to teach cottage industries to members of his community.

The Member complained that Heads of Departments were not carrying out the orders of Government in the matter of appointing members of his community and requested that as many of them as possible might be appointed as constables in the Police Department, and as peons; punka-pullers and other menial servants. He pointed out that a Pulaya boy by name Narayanan was for sometime employed in the Excise Department, but that he was without any appointment now, and requested that he might be given a suitable post.

He referred to the case of a Pulaya boy whose certificate was withheld as he had changed his name when the examination was over and requested that the certificate might be ordered to be issued to him. He then urged that Government might undertake to impart religious instruction to the depressed communities and that religious institutions might be established for the purpose. Passing on to other grievances, the Member prayed that all public roads might be thrown open for the use of the depressed classes that house sites be given in convenient localities; that wells and tanks be sunk for their use; that a special Commissioner be appointed as in the situ...

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